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swaying lanterns was not sufficient to

enable us to see each other's forms.

Since leaving the station Bell and I had

Bell pressed my hand and drew me away

there were a few lights burning that in-

and the swish of the rain prevented our

being heard, if indeed the guard took any notice of our departure, which is

doubtful. We crossed a ditch, knee

deep with water, and were in the act of

climbing a fence that rose above it, when

"Officer of the guard! Officer of the

"What's up back there?" came from

"A prezner's done give out back heah."

"Halt!" came a shout from the ad

vance. Then followed a torrent of oaths.

both lond and fierce, as the man with

the best lantern made his way back

Bell and myself started off on a line at

right angles to the approaching light

The wind and rain favored us, as well as

of the line and the angry imprecations

of the officer In a minute we came to

another fence, over which we clambered

and looking back we could see that the

lanterns were still stationary Of the

points of the compass we had only the

faintest notion, but we inferred from the

position of the train, which was headed

west when we left it, and the direction

taken since that we were traveling "nigh

We were in no condition to decide on

plan. If not already missed from the

fine, our escape would certainly be de-

tected when the prisoners were counted

again, as they invariably were every

time they entered the prison, and then

pursuit would be made. Our one object

was to put as great a distance as possi-

ble between ourselves and Millen in the

few hours left before daylight. With

this understanding, we started off again

after a few u inutes halt, but all hope of

rapid progress was checked by finding

onreelyes in a dense wood with a par

ticularly thick and stubborn under

died out belind us and it was only by

keeping our hands extended that we

could make any headway. The woods

were as dark as the bottomless pit in the

Mammoth cave, and the opposing trees

compelled so many detours from what

was intended to be a straight line that

we soon lost all idea of direction and

were not at all sure that we were not

drifting back on our own trail Yet the

intense impulse to be moving, the over-

whelming desire to get out of reach and

our determination to die rather than be

recaptured gave us a fictitious strength

At length the woods fell away about

us and the undergrowth was less annoy-

ing. We were evidently in a clearing

and the deep baying of a dog in the dis-

tance suggested that we were near a

human habitation On this trip I learned

how deceptive the ears are and how dif-

ficult it is to tell of the direction from

which sound comes if we are not expect

ing it from a certain quarter, or if the

syes cannot supplement the hearing

We mis sin t got no use for no dog; we

uns ain't lost any." was Bell's comme-

indicating the direction from which

came. After some minutes we decided

that the dog was off to the left-what

we supposed was the west-so we kept

straight ahead, crossing a fenceless field

and coming to another wood, which we

By this time the rain had ceased, but

as we were thoroughly soaked and the

trees still dripped and the undergrow h

kept us in a constant shower bath, the

did not make much difference. The day-

light, for which our eyes had been hun-

gering, at length came, enabling us to

avoid the trees, and revealing to each

the lean anxions face of the other.

Like all the Tennessee mountaineers

whom I have met. Bell had much of the

stoicism, or it may be philosophy, which we attribute to the Indian In the most

trying situations he never became ex-

cited, though after an actual danger was

over he would become nervous in speak-

ing of it, and go back to it again and

again like a child who has had an un-

As we stood there in the woods, sad,

but one, Bell drew a long breath

hungry, weary and undecided on every-

and delivered himself something after

"We ans planned an planned an plan-

ned to git away from the Rebs till hit

seemed ez if we uns mout git heartbroke.

Now, thar was that hole in the keer, hit

seemed note n could be safer'n that; but

along came a cuss an jerked the hull ca-

boodle out, an then it looked doggone

blue for we uns. That you ans must

I acknowledged the entire accuracy of

"Wa'al, then thar was the rain," con-

tinged Bell. "to most men that wouldn't

a' looked encouragin, but hit's the very

best thing could 'a' happened fo we uns, coz hit won't gin the dogs no show." On

my expressing surprise, he explained: "The wet ground won't hold scent, and

hit's been purty much bout like wadin

through a crick since we una lit out; so

thar'll be no dogs out this mawnin, an hit's a comfort to think o' that."

entered at once.

usual experience.

this statement.

as the barking continued, without at

and a tireless energy.

growth

bont no'th." as Bell put it.

Without waiting to see or hear more

was the reply

through the crowd

the old man to the rear shouted out:

CHAPTEN I. A BREAK FOR LIBERTY, AIDED SIGHT AND RAIN

Like every railroad within the Confederate lines in the summer of 1864, that leading west from Savannah was in a very bad state and the rolling stock was -:- MEAL | quite in keeping with the roadbed. Ten miles an hour was considered good speed for a passenger train, but, as prisoners were carried in freight cars, and on a freight schedule or on no schedule at all, delays on sidings were frequent, and a knowledge of the distance to be traveled gave no idea of the time when one might expect to reach his destination. It was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of June 21 when we left Savannah, and the officer in charge of the guards, Lieutenant Grimes, of the Thirty-second Georgia, told us that he expected to get to Macon, about 190 miles away, the next day at

We left Camp Davidson in a driving rain, which poured down, almost without cessation, for twenty-four hours.
Although close to the hole which Bell had cut in the bottom of the car and over which he lay, I went to sleep, as I have known weary veteran soldiers to do when lying down under fire. It was near midnight when I was aroused by the stopping of the train and the beating of the rain on the roof. Bell's whisper and his hand on my arm assured me that he was near and dispelled drowsiness. We supposed the train had come to a stop for wood and water, and as it was dark We've been asked that question a hundred inside and out, and all the conditions we were used to paying double the | we were about to drop through the hole was thrown violently open and a man appeared, holding a lantern above his

"Guards, turn out here!" he shouted The two gnards, who had been sleeping, one at each end of the car, crept over the recumbent prisoners and got out through the door that was open With the voice of one in authority and blessed with good lungs, the same man

"Is this Macon?" some one asked "No; it's Millen," said the man. "But ain't we going on to Camp Ogle-

"Not that I'm aware of; I reckon we can care for you here." Then, in an authoritative voice: "Come, hurry up' don't want to stand here all night."

Bell and myself were the last men to leave the car, but fortunately the hole in the bottom escaped the notice of the man with the lautern. As soon as the prisoners were out we were formed by fours, my companion and myself bringing up the rear with another prisoner who was suffering from inflammatory rheumatism and who moved with much pain and difficulty. Somebody rear the head of the line called out:

*How far are we to march, captain? "It's a right amart walk for a night like this," was the unsatisfactory re-

"Tonight, if we uns is shot fo' hit!" whispered Bell, and he emphasized his words by a grip on my arm

The guard at the rear of the line, evi dently of the "home" variety, was a tall, gaunt man of sixty, with a dejected air a slouchy walk and an atter lack of in terest in the count of the prisoners that was made as soon as we left the cars. There were five lanterns along the line. and excepting that carried by the man who seemed to have taken command they were all circular, tin affairs with perforations, through which the light of the tallow dip within strained When the line was formed the nearest of these lanterus was about thirty feet to our front and was carried by a man who stood off about ten feet to the left of the

"The guards must see that the prison ers are kept closed up!"

This command came down the line from the man with the best hintern, then the order "March!" was given and we started off through mind so thick and tenacious that it threatened to pull our boots off at every step It was not rill we got away from the lights of the shabby little station that we realized how lotensely dark it was. Before we had gone 300 yards the line had lost formation and prisoners and guards were struggling and staggering through the mid. Although helped along by two friends, our rhequistic comrade finally came to a stop and said to the guard "You can kill me if you want to, for

it will kill me to go another hundred yards. I'm played out." 'Thar ain't no way to tote you as see," said the perplexed guard. 'Can't you get a stretcher or an am-

bulance?" some one asked "We ain't got no sich things in Milien ez I ever heard on," said the guard We had come to a halt, and mean-while the others had gone on twenty or

hounds and instinctively I looked about for a club. The light on the clouds gave us the compass points, and told us that we had been traveling east instead of north. We pushed on again, and kept on till the sun began to cast shadows, and we were brought to a halt on the banks of a swollen creek that flowed south to the Ogeechee, as we subsequent ly learned. We kept up the creek till we came to a phosphate quarry on the edge of a mursh, and the corduroy road leading out f this place told that it had been recently worked.

While we were debating what to do

next we heard the rumble of wheels in the distance, accompanied by the cracking of a will p and the continued shouting which the drivers of army mules and farm oxen consider so essential to progress. There was no telling by the voice whether the man was white or black. walked holding each other's hands so as for the accent of the uneducated south to be able to communicate without speaking when the time for action came. ern whites is much like that of the negro. Indeed, my friend Bell, who had all the characteristic pride of the mounin the direction of the line, but before taineer and very naturally looked upon we had gone five paces he turned sud-denly to the right, for in the distant left himself as vastly superior to the slave or the cracker, spoke much the same dialect, and with the same intonation and dicated habitations A steady east wind contempt for the final r's.

As the team was approaching us, we drew back into the swampy woods and waited. Soon we found that there were two men, for in the intervals of shouting at the oxen the driver was addressing a companion in about the same stentorian tones At leagth and to our great relief, the oxen, drawing a heavy two wheeled cart on which were seated two colored men, came in view. The cart was turned at the opening to the pit and was loaded with pic.cs, bars and shovels that had been housed in a little structure near by.

Although we listened intently, it was impossible to learn anything as to our whereabouts from the talk of these two "Tom's gal, she ain't a doin right," was the burden of their conversation, and as they were evidently of one mind on this subject. it was curious to hear them agreeing with the force of the loud talking of the men at the rear affirmation that distinguishes a legislative debate.

Waiting till the wagon was loaded we came out from our hiding place and confronted the negroes. The phrase "struck dumb" exactly expresses their state of mind on seeing us. Their eyes seemed actually to turn all white as they looked at us. At length I relieved their anxiety by calling out:
"Don't be afraid, boys; we are

"Wha-whar did yeh come f'om, an who is yeh?" asked the man with the

It amused me very often to hear the vigor with which Bell proclaimed himeelf "a Yankee," meaning, of course, a Union man. To the negro's question he "We uns is scapin Yangee soldiers.

and we uns want you uns to help." "Good Lor!" exclaimed the second man. "If you's Yankees, whar's yer "We were prisoners and escaped from

bound. I added: "Our people w soon be along with guns, and you will all be free. Now we are tired and hun gry, and we want you to help us." The fear and doubt vanished from the faces of the men, and they at once expressed a willingness to do everything in

their power They told us that Millen. ten miles to the west, was in Burke county, and that we were now on the Lamar place, in Scriven county, and about eighteen miles from Sylvania, the county seat, and "a right smart long day's drive from de Savannah ribbah, jes' bout east." Their master "had done gone to de wah, but young Massa Bert was home sick," and there were four white ladies at the house.

Ike, the man with the whip, and evidently the man with the head, finally laid down this programme: There was no danger that any white man would come out to the "gypsum pit," as he called the quarry, so he advised that we spend the day there, and he promised to send us out provisions as soon as it could be done with safety. "We can't do puffin else twel night," he said, "and twei dat time comes I'll put in some pownhful licks a-prayin. But trust in de Lor of Hosts, mastahs, dats de strongest holt yous hez got now."

"An you'll send we uns some grub," suggested Bell, adding as an incentive, "I'm so doggone hungry I could eat a mule and chase the ridah."

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Won by a Cuff Button. "Do you see that peculiar looking stud

that man is wearing on his shirt front?' said a hotel clerk the other day, point ing to a gentleman standing near by, and on whose expansive bosom was fastened a gold button with a bird in black enamel upon it. "That man is a St. Louis drummer,

and he has been wearing that stud for twenty years to my knowledge," added the clerk, "It was twenty years ago that he married a relative of Patrick Egan, of Nebraska, Previous to that time a certain young business man of Chicago was also courting her, and among the presents he once gave her was a pair of caff buttons, of which that stud was one. The rival saw these buttons one day on the young lady's cuffs, and in jest purloined one of them and placed it in his shirt front. When leaving the house afterward he encountered the Chicago suitor, who spied the jewel. An explanation was demanded of the young lady and an angry scene followed, and the Chicago man left in a huff.

When the St. Louis drummer called the next time he proposed and was accepted. After their marriage his wife told him that had the Chicago lover proposed first, which he undoubtedly would have done but for the cuff button episode she would have accepted him. Ever since that time the happy husband has been wearing that button, and money could not buy it of him."—San Francisco

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"I never believed that there was any such thing as la grippe," said Sir Edwin this evening. 4 L-was a scoffer when the Millen last night." I replied. Then, de rest of the world thought it had the distermined to leap into their good graces ease. I said it was nothing but a serious cold that had come upon the people and they were making of it a new ill come to plague mankind. I poo-poohed the disease, and now it has come upon me like a Nemesis for my scoffing. My throat is as sore as if there were strings of barbed wire drawn through it, and I am tired, oh, so tired!" And the poet turned over and groaned in agony. Sir Edwin's New York dates have been cancelled, and it is not believed he will lecture here again.

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